

DDTP Deputy Commander Awarded DLA Exceptional Civilian Service Award

John J. Heuberger, Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania (DDTP) Deputy Commander, was presented DLA's highest civilian award on July 3, 2001, the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, by Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

As DDTP Deputy Commander, Heuberger spearheaded the Central Depot Concept at DDTP. This stock positioning initiative saved more than \$22 million. Heuberger also led the DDTP team that absorbed 4,000 additional stock items from the closure of some military bases. All this was accomplished while Heuberger managed the downsizing of the DDTP workforce by 58%.

DDTP operations at Tobyhanna Army Depot support the massive DoD communications-electronics industry. Tobyhanna Army Depot is the sole communications-electronics maintenance depot in the U.S. Army and the largest full service facility within DoD. The Army Depot and the Defense Distribution Depot are recognized as partners for excellence in communications-electronics systems integration, overhaul and repair, fabrication and worldwide logistics support.

The Army depot material and systems include radar, telephone, anti-intrusion devices, airborne surveillance equipment, and navigational instruments. DDTP supports the entire

communications-electronics material spectrum for these systems.

DDTP receives, stores and issues communications-electronics systems, components, repair parts and equipment. The depot also accomplishes the close coordination required for complex communications-electronics shelter systems integration and subsequent set assembly prior to fielding. DDTP is noted for handling special electronics operations such as the Electrostatic Discharge Control Program where sensitive parts receive component protection through proper maintenance procedures, handling, packaging, marking and storage. The warehousing operation includes general purpose, heated, controlled humidity and flammable storage facilities. They contain global positioning kits, radios, generators, batteries, infrared jammer and mine-clearing line charger trailers and communications-electronics shelter systems. A shelter movement and handling facility provides a covered receipt, storage, set assembly, packaging and shipping area.



BG Pillsbury presents the DLA Exceptional Civilian Service Award to John Heuberger, DDTP Deputy Commander.

DLA's Fireman of the Year

For the fourth year in a row a DDJC fireman was named the best within the Defense Logistics Agency. Sharpe Battalion Chief John Mickelson, was DLA's choice to compete at the Department of Defense level against other agencies and services nominations.

"I'm extremely honored and fortunate to be selected," noted Mickelson. "I know the caliber of the folks out there since I deal with them all the time."

In addition to his duties as battalion chief at the Sharpe site, Mickelson also serves as the fire department's financial and purchasing coordinator. As a result of his research and market comparison, Mickelson is credited with a budget savings of \$20,000 last year.

He also automated the department's operational documentation that included employee training records, call reports, facility work orders, department standard operating procedures and employee time and attendance records.

Mickelson credits his crew with exceptional initiative and dedication.

"As a result of the crew taking care of their daily business, it allowed me the time to develop and automate programs," said Mickelson.

"My wife, Debbie had a lot to do with me getting the award," he pointed out. "Since I'm at the station 72 hours a week, I miss about half the family events. Without her support and understanding I wouldn't have been able to accomplish near as much."

Other DDJC fire fighters selected previously include fire captain Harold Mara, fire fighter Ken Nelson and assistant fire chief Arnold Dail.



DDJC Sharpe Battalion Chief John Mickelson was honored as the Defense Logistics Agency's top Fire Officer at the International Fire Chiefs Conference held in New Orleans in late August. He is credited with developing several programs that automated fire department reports and records.